

Summary of Small Focus Group Open Access Meetings

Trinidad (July 31, 2007)

1. catch history goes to the person, not the vessel
2. different trip limits north and south of 40°10' (so would need different qualifying criteria for both regions)
3. fleet capacity size – maintain at current level
4. qualifying criteria – 500 – 1,000 lb cumulative limit within 1998-2006, must include one landing in 2006 (no minimum pound limit)

Monterey (August 21, 2007)

1. catch history goes to the person, not the vessel
2. deal with sablefish separately (put into the tier system?) and leave the other species alone
3. create a grandfather clause and make those permits non-transferable
4. have a review process and provide for some mechanism to allow for new entrants (e.g., if we fall below some designated minimum permit number, it would trigger a re-opening to allow for new entrants)
5. qualification criteria – minimum landing of 500 lb in any year
6. would prefer status quo

Los Alamitos (August 22, 2007)

1. prefer regional management
2. catch history goes to the person, not the vessel
3. qualifying years – want the most recent years (at least through 12-31-2006, if not longer).
4. cap fishery at current level; include a grandfather clause if qualifying criteria cuts people out
5. some suggested qualification criteria – 500 lbs in a year
6. some suggested to deal with sablefish separately

Santa Rosa (August 28, 2007)

1. maintain flexibility, any transition to a permit be smooth to reduce disruptions
2. remove the provision to combine 2 permits after year 6
3. some suggested drop minimum landing requirement, while others suggested maintaining a minimum landing requirement (e.g., the equivalent of one two-month period limit landed in a calendar year)
4. some supported catch history goes to the person not the vessel, while others supported catch history stay with the vessel
5. qualification criteria – 500 lbs in a year
6. some supported the qualifying years (1998-2006) and some supported more recent year participation